

of head, neck, and trunk, with bony framework lightly indicated, allowing viscera to be filled in in their proper relations. Some transverse sections through the limbs are also included.

The complete set, perforated, and bound in a leather cover, together with blank writing and tracing paper, costs 10s. 6d., and further supplies of writing and tracing paper perforated to fit the cover may also be obtained. The only criticism which can reasonably be levelled at the production is, that the limp cover necessitates a firm writing surface and that the book would not rest satisfactorily on the usual inadequate ledge. The identity of the fourth sketch on page six of the first series is not clear.

Apart from their time-saving function in the lecture-room, these drawings should be most useful for revision. By indicating structures lying at different depths on separate sheets of tracing paper superimposed on the bony framework, quite a stereoscopic effect is obtained, and an excellent, individual atlas of anatomy can be constructed.

ELEMENTS OF SURGICAL DIAGNOSIS. By Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., M.S., F.R.C.S. Eighth Edition. 1938. Revised by Eric Pearce Gould, M.D., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. Cassell & Co. 10s. 6d. net.

Another reviewer has stated that this book will, on investigation, frequently prove to be the cause of the bulge so often seen in the student's coat-pocket. Undoubtedly its handy size, as compared with its larger and more profusely illustrated rivals, is a factor in its popularity, but hardly the only one. Its subject matter is remarkably complete, and careful methods of examination are everywhere emphasised as the basis of accurate diagnosis. A noteworthy omission, however, is the absence of any reference to comparative measurements as a method of determining the presence and extent of muscular wasting in suspected joint disease. An excellent series of X-ray plates has been introduced, and greater emphasis has been laid in the text on X-ray methods and diagnosis. The book is not easy to read, a feature which is hardly a fault, but is inherent in its method of treating the subject. It is a book to be used at the bedside, and the student who uses it there consistently and conscientiously, will undoubtedly develop sound methods and achieve diagnostic ability. This last edition has been revised by the son of the original author.

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